GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

General Administration Department - Andhra Pradesh Migrants' Welfare and Development Policy – Declaration – Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (POLL.C) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 155 Dated: 01-11-2017.
Read:

Cabinet Resolution No.422/2017

Order:

Government after careful examination and deliberations, declare the policy appended to these orders for Andhra Pradesh Migrants' Welfare and Development with a total budget of Rs. 40.00 crores.

2. The Andhra Pradesh Non-Residential Society shall act as the implementing agency for the policy.

3. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U.O. No.36022/212/2017, SO(FMU(GAD.I), dt:08.10.2017.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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APPENDIX

1. Short Title. This policy shall be called Andhra Pradesh Migrants' Welfare and Development Policy.

2. Purpose. This policy aims at the following.

(i) To assure the safety and welfare of the migrants:

(a) identify and alleviate problems faced by migrants in countries belonging to Gulf Cooperation Council;

(b) provide social, economic and legal services to migrant workers, and safeguard their fundamental human rights;

(ii) To facilitate development of the state with the skills and foreign remittances of migrants

(iii) To estimate the legal and illegal migrants in various countries;

(iv) To forecast migration trends;

(v)To create an institutional mechanism in the state to cater to the needs of prospective and current migrants as well as returning migrants.

3. Applicability. This policy shall be applicable to all potential migrants, established migrants and repatriated migrants of Telugu origin from the State of Andhra Pradesh and living anywhere in the world (hereinafter called as 'migrants').

4. Definitions

(a) "Migrant Worker" refers to a person who is to be engaged, is engaged or has been engaged in a remunerated activity in a state of which he or she is not a legal resident to be used interchangeably with overseas worker.

(b) "Non-Resident Telugu" or "Overseas Telugus" refers to Non Resident Indians (NRIs) of Andhra Pradesh origin who are currently living outside India.

(c) “Returned Worker” refers to a migrant worker who has permanently returned to the state from an overseas employment and is likely to remain in the state of Andhra Pradesh for livelihood.

(d) “APNRT” refers to Andhra Pradesh Non-resident Telugu Society.

5. Interventions

5.1. Pre-departure interventions

(i) Establishment of Migrant Workers’ Resource Centres in the state in coordination with the Indian Embassy/Consulate and Host Country, NGOs and relevant International Organisations, to provide services to migrant workers.

(ii) Loan Guarantee Scheme for pre-migrants up to Rs. 1 lakh.

(iii) Issue of region specific pre-departure kits.

(iv) Offer training and skill upgrades.

(v) Establishing Government to Government recruitment systems.

(vi) Conduct awareness programs about job opportunities.

(vii) Strengthened cooperation with Protector General to improve safety.

(viii) Establish women emigrants training centre and at least 2 India international training centres in Andhra Pradesh with the support of Government of India.

5.2. Interventions for established migrants

(i) Set up of 24X7 help line.

(ii) Integration with programs of Government of India.

(iii) Death and disability insurance of up to Rs. 10 lakhs per head, Rs. 50,000 health insurance and Rs. 75,000 legal insurance.

(iv) Setting up of Emergency Relief Fund for safety of migrants up to Rs. 1 lakh per head. (see annexure II, III and IV).

(v) Repatriation of Immigrants.

(vi) Transportation of mortal remains from outside the country to native place.

(vii) Providing legal assistance for Gulf victims engaging lawyers.

(viii) Providing free air tickets during Amnesty with boarding & lodging.

(ix) Create a Shared Information System of migrants, legal cases, their movement, profiles, resources, skills available etc.

5.3. Interventions for returned migrants

(i) Sustenance and rehabilitation.

(ii) Set up Migrant Economic Reintegration Centres in the state.

(iii) Establish a Transition Fund for supporting livelihood, loans, skilling and training needs of returning migrants.

(iv) Facilitate preferential recruitment.

(v) Facilitate preferential quotas for procurement.

5.4. Interventions for investment attraction

(i) Create pre-packaged investments suitable for migrants. Government will put in place various project financing mechanisms such as Viability gap funds, bonds (Diaspora, Rupee, etc.) and other forms of investment vehicles, based on the requirements of an individual or a group of projects. Suitable fund/asset management structures will be put in place to evaluate the associated risks and issues for every project.

(ii) A special NRT investor helpline, consisting of trained individuals and financial advisors, to assist and advice the investors at various stages, and provide information on specific investment subsidies of Government.

(iii) Create a special unit within the Industries Department to handle NRT investments in Industry and Infrastructure development.

(iv) A separate non-profit trust by name “APNRT Trust” will be set up to enable receipt of donations. CEO, APNRT Society shall submit proposals to Government.

(v) An assessment of country wise investment interests of NRTs will be done and mapped to opportunities in the state.
(vi) An annual home coming program will be launched to mark a day every year to welcome the NRTs back to their home place to reconnect and showcase the fruits of their investments.
(vii) Evolve policies to promote entrepreneurship among migrants.

5.5. Interventions for attracting remittances

(i) Negotiate a preferential exchange rate via special agreements with banks for all members of APNRT Society.
(ii) A crowd sourcing mechanism will be designed and proposals submitted by CEO, APNRT Society.
(iii) A promotional campaign will be implemented within the state to educate and encourage parents and family members of the NRTs on the various available avenues of investments.

5.6. Interventions for tapping skills of migrants

(i) Take up activities which transfer the skills acquired by migrants abroad to the resident Telugus of Andhra Pradesh.

6. Execution

6.1. Executing Agency. APNRT Society is authorised to declare the details of the aforementioned interventions within their annual budgetary allocations and execute them.

6.2. Implementation Plan

(i) Plan for 2018-19:

(a) Establish and manage 24 hour helpline.
(b) Develop pre-departure training kit.
(c) Establish 2 Migrant Worker's Resource Centres and 2 Migrant Economic Reintegration Centres.
(d) Collect and tabulate accurate demographic data regarding migrants in other countries.

(e) Create required ‘fund’s to assist migrants with the approval of Government.

(f) Develop protocols for all proposed initiatives and actionable items.

(ii) Plan for 2019-20:

(a) Lobby for effective legislation at National level.

(b) Complete preparation of comprehensive migrant database.

(c) Develop possible investment vehicles and financial plans appropriate for migrants.

(d) Establish additional Migrant Workers’ Resource Centres and Migrant Economic Reintegration Centres as needed.

(iii) Plan for 2020-21:

Launch investment projects to make the Society self-sustaining and to reduce reliance on State’s grants.

6.3. Updation of implementation plan.

CEO, APNRT may update the implementation plan in these orders under intimation to Government.